

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING... FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION LEADERS APPLAUD GOVERNOR SCOTT'S "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" BUDGET

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TALLAHASSEE – Today Governor Rick Scott signed the "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. It invests \$9.3 billion in transportation projects. It includes \$633.6 million for resurfacing more than 2,493 lane miles and \$244.8 million for repairs to 94 bridges and the replacement of 16 more. Here's what Florida transportation leaders are saying:

Florida Transportation Builders' Association President Bob Burleson said, "Governor Scott understands the importance of a sound, connected transportation system to Florida's continued economic growth and quality of life. The Governor's emphasis on and leadership in all areas of transportation is an obvious, major reason for Florida's much improved economy the past five years."

Florida Ports Council President and CEO Doug Wheeler said, "Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature have once again shown their commitment to growing our state's economy through investing in Florida seaports and critical freight infrastructure needed to remain competitive in the global market. Florida's freight advantages are already generating increases in business and job growth, however these investments will ensure that Florida is prepared to capture the opportunities resulting from industry trends and expected shifts in global trade patterns."

Floridians for Better Transportation President Matthew D. Ubben said, "The Florida Legislature has continued to advance Governor Scott's pro-mobility budget recommendations during the recently concluded special legislative session. The 2015-2016 budget will see billions dedicated to the transportation sector, providing \$9.3 billion for highway and intermodal projects and allowing Secretary Boxold and the Florida Department of Transportation to make good on the Governor's commitment to jobs, jobs, jobs and expanding Florida's economy."

Florida Transportation Commission Chairman Jay Trumbull said, "With a \$9.3 billion transportation budget, Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature continue to show how important investment in our transportation system is to keeping our economy moving forward and creating jobs. This budget will ensure personal mobility for Florida's citizens and visitors and provide the type of transportation infrastructure businesses can count on to move goods."

Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida 2015-16 President Mark Marine said, "Florida's transportation industry creates thousands of jobs each year for Floridians and this budget recognizes that by significantly investing in our state's infrastructure needs. We applaud the Governor and the Florida Legislature for boldly advancing Florida's transportation system in this budget."

Florida Concrete & Products Association President Mike Murtha said, "This year's transportation budget is emblematic of this Governor's long-term vision that invests in our state's future. The Scott administration's brand of leadership is a blueprint on how to get a state economy moving again."

Florida Public Transportation Association Executive Director Lisa M. Bacot said, "Once again, Governor Scott has showed his commitment to improving and maintaining a first-class transportation system across our state. The available public transit funding will assist all communities by providing efficient public transportation services and improving the quality of life for Floridians and visitors alike."

For additional details on the Governor's "Keep Florida Working" Budget for FY 2015-2016, visit http://www.keepfloridaworking.com/

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